



Consular Section  
US Embassy Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dear Parent,

Congratulations! Thank you for your inquiry about registering your child as a U.S. citizen.

The enclosed items contain information to help you apply for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), which is considered a basic United States citizenship document. In addition you should apply for a US passport and a Social Security Number for your child.

Please read the following instructions, complete the forms requested, and gather the appropriate information. You may then make an appointment at our website at

[http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov/birth\\_abroad.html](http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov/birth_abroad.html).

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Required Forms (complete but do not sign!)

- Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad DS-2029
- Passport Application DS-11 and 1 photo of the child. They must be 2 inches x 2 inches (square) color passport photos with a white background.
- Social Security Application SS-5
- Affidavit of Physical Presence (If there only one parent is a US citizen. See below.)

Evidence of Parentage and Nationality

- Child's original UAE birth certificate (plus English translation, if needed) and 2 photocopies. The birth certificate should contain the full name of the child (first name, middle name, last name). The US documents will match the name found on the birth certificate. *Please note that the UAE General Health Authority may require that the parents' marriage certificate be authenticated prior to issuance of a UAE birth certificate; for instructions on how to authenticate a US document, please refer to the Embassy's website - [abudhabi.usembassy.gov](http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov).*
- Parents' passports and 2 photocopies of the biographic data pages and any amendments
- Parents' original marriage certificate (plus English translation, if needed) and 1 photocopy

If one of these applies, you will need the following additional documentation

- **If only one parent is a US citizen.** Please submit evidence showing that parent was physically present in the United States (examples: original school transcripts, pay stubs from employer, passport entry and exit stamps etc). The requirement to transmit your US citizenship is a minimum of 5 years physical presence in the US, at least 2 of which were after the age of 14. **If both parents are US citizens**, evidence of a residence in the US by at least one parent is required.
- **One or both parents were previously married.** Please submit evidence showing legal termination through death or divorce of all previous marriages. Provide original death or divorce certificates (plus English translation, if needed) and 1 photocopy of each.

Both parents and the child are required to appear in person at the Embassy during public hours.

Fees must be paid when the applications are submitted: 386 AED for the CRBA and 404 AED for the child's passport for a total of 790 AED. In addition, there is a charge of 4 AED per copy if photocopies are not provided. This may be paid in cash, US dollars, dirhams, or by a major credit card.

The Embassy advises that newborn children be registered within 2 months to allow time to obtain UAE residency, if needed. The process takes about up to one month.

Sincerely,  
Consular Section